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SUBJECT: ECE - 29TH PLENARY

1. PLENARY SESSION OPENED APRIL 18 WITH WELCOMING REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN OF 28TH SESSION (HRUZA - CZECHOSLOVAKIA) AND MAYOR OF BUCHAREST. OFFICERS OF 28TH SESSION RE-ELECTED AS FOLLOWS: CHAIRMAN: MIROSLAV HRUZA (CZECHOSLOVAKIA); VICE-CHAIRMAN: JENS BOYESEN (NORWAY); SESSIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: C. KIRCA (TURKEY); VICE-CHAIRMAN: E. HARS (HUNGARY). AGENDA ADOPTED AS CONTAINED IN E/ECE/856.

2. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (STANOVNIK) GAVE GENERAL OPENING STATEMENT OF THEME OF CHANGED WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION AND MEASURES FOR FUTURE. "THIS IS A TIME OF RE-ASSESSMENT OF THE NEW REALITIES OF TODAY AND THE NEW OPPORTUNITIES OF TOMORROW". THERE IS NEED FOR A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM BASED ON EQUITABLE INTERDEPENDENCE. AND ECE REGION IN POSITION TO MAKE VITAL CONTRIBUTION IN THIS REGARD. STRESSED THE GROWING SCARCITY OF RESOURCES

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AND ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY TO COMPENSATE. NEED FOR GREATER

ATTENTION TO SOCIAL FACTORS WITH ECONOMIC GROWTH REGARDED AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR ATTAINING SOCIAL OBJECTIVES.

3. STANOVNIK ADDED THAT RESULTS OF CSCE EXPECTED TO HAVE BENEFICIAL EFFECTS ON FUTURE OF REGION AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. A NEW PATTERN OF DEVELOPMENT IN ECE REGION CORRESPONDING TO CHANGES AND CHALLENGES WOULD INCLUDE: GREATER ECONOMY IN USE OF RESOURCES AND ENERGY; ADAPTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES; SHIFT TOWARD SCIENCE-INTENSIVE PRODUCTION; DELIBERATE PURSUIT OF SOCIAL AIMS AS PART OF ECONOMIC POLICIES AND PLANS; DIVERSIFICATION OF SUPPLIES THROUGH TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION; INTENSIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS.

4. STANOVNIK NOTED THAT HE WAS NOT MAKING NEW PROPOSALS AT THIS SESSION IN LIGHT OF PROGRESS IN CSCE. REFERRED TO HIS NOTE ON "ENERGY PROBLEMS IN ECE REGION" AND PROPOSAL TO INITIATE COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON INCREASED ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY IN ENERGY PRODUCTION, TRANSPORT AND USE. REPEATED MAIN POINTS CONTAINED IN THIS NOTE.

5. CONCLUDED THAT ECE IS PRAGMATIC AND ADAPTABLE MECHANISM WITH CAPACITY TO SERVE GOVERNMENTS ON AN INCREASING SCALE. BUT GOVERNMENTS MUST DETERMINE AREAS AND EXTENT OF COOPERATION.

6. GENERAL STATEMENTS BY DELEGATIONS GENERALLY UNEVENTFUL WITH MAIN STRESS ON PROSPECTS FOR COOPERATION IN LIGHT OF IMPROVED POLITICAL CONDITIONS AND CSCE. FREQUENT REFERENCE MADE TO HOPE THAT CSCE WILL PROVIDE NEW THRUST FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND THAT ECE WILL ASSUME ADDED RESPONSIBILITIES. USUAL REFERENCE TO NEED FOR EXPANDED TRADE AND EASTERN PLEA FOR MFN TREATMENT. ENERGY SITUATION AND RESOURCE SHORTAGE RECEIVED PROMINENT TREATMENT. MANY DELEGATIONS NOTED IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY ON DEVELOPMENT IN LINE WITH THEME OF THE SESSION.

7. FRENCH DELEGATION RAISED QUESTION CONCERNING POSSIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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NEW PRIORITY FOR ENERGY IN ECE WORK PROGRAM BUT MADE NO FORMAL PROPOSAL. NO OTHER DELEGATIONS TOOK THIS LINE AND IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT FRENCH WILL PUSH TOO SERIOUSLY.

8. US (AMBASSADOR BENNETT) NOTED CHANGED ECONOMIC SITUATION SINCE LAST SESSION WHICH CALLS FOR INCREASED COOPERATION. STRESSED US INITIATIVES IN FOOD AND

ENERGY, SUPPORT FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS. REFERRED FAVORABLY TO POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN ECE REGION REGARDING ECONOMIC COOPERATION, INCLUDING CSCE. EXPRESSED GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH ECE ACTIVITIES DURING PAST YEAR BUT FELT NO NEW PRIORITIES ON RESTRUCTURING OF COMMISSION SHOULD OCCUR UNTIL AFTER CSCE WHEN IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER MAJOR REVISIONS OF THE WORK PROGRAM AND STRUCTURE OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES. (STANOVNIK TOLD BENNETT HE IN FULL AGREEMENT THIS POSITION AND SAID EE'S ALSO AGREED.) NOTED PROGRESS TOWARD INTEGRATION OF ECE WORK BUT URGED CLOSER RE-EXAMINATION OF PROGRAMS. SUPPORTED INNOVATION IN THE OVER-ALL PROGRAM BUT CLOSE ATTENTION TO POSSIBLE ELIMINATION OF PROGRAMS OF LESSER IMPORTANCE.

9. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE HAS CONSIDERED WORK IN AGRICULTURE, TIMBER, CHEMICALS AND STEEL.

10. PLENARY WILL MOVE TO TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION APRIL 22.
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